meeting to be read out and the proposition whether legislation might not be introduced in at least such villages in which 75 per cent agreed to it was then put to the vote.

The proposition was lost by a majority of 92 against 60.

Reply of Government.—The question will be dropped for the present.

SUBJECT No. 44.

Shekdars to estimate and prepare bills for village improvement works.

Mr. G. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Sanitary Inspectors attend to the preparation of estimates and bills for the village improvement works. They are not able to attend properly to this work in addition to their own and the requisite funds are not placed at the disposal of the villagers in time with the result that there is not rapid progress of work. Shekdars may be entrusted with this work.

Reply of Government.—The question will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 45.

Crediting the sale proceeds of vacant sites to Village Improvement Fund.

Mr. B. Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Village Improvement Committee induce the villagers to fill up the pits and hollows in the village site and make them fit for building purposes; therefore the sale proceeds of vacant sites may be allowed to be credited to Village Improvement Fund.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 46.

Contribution for Minor Tank Restoration.

Messrs. (1) and (2) P. Suryanarayana Setti, Arkalgud Taluk, Madar Sab, Gubbi Taluk, M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality and (3) Shama Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Under the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme, unless one-third of the cost of restoration is paid in advance, the construction work will not be undertaken. The villagers do not contribute readily. A tank may therefore be ordered to be restored on the strength of a mutchalika duly obtained from the villagers for the payment of contribution which may be recovered as an arrear of Land Revenue subsequently.

(2) The restoration of minor tanks is impeded owing to the non-payment of contribution by the raiyats. The contribution may be recovered in 3 or 4 annual instalments.

(3) The period for the repayment of the contribution amount advanced by way of loan may be extended to 20 years.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question will be considered at the Deputy Commissioners' meeting.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Repairs to minor tanks.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Repairs of some minor tanks are not allowed to be undertaken if the estimate exceeds the amount of revenue for ten years under the tank and hence many of the tanks are left in an unrepaired condition. This rule may be abolished so that all the tanks

may be repaired even though the estimated cost of repairs exceeds the revenue of ten years realized under the tank.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 46.

SUBJECT No. 48.

Revision of atchkat of tanks.

Messrs. (1) M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality and Krishnamurthiachar, Mulbagal Taluk and (2) H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajapete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The atchkat under many tanks is more than what they can irrigate. This should be set right by reducing the atchkat and classing as dry the lands that cannot be irrigated.

(2) Raiyats are content to take their chance. They are usually unwilling to have the wet assessment converted into dry.

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration. Lists of tanks whose atchkat requires revision may be sent to the Deputy Commissioners who will investigate the question in consultation with the Executive Engineer. The Department of Public Works is taking action in respect of five or six tanks. The results are watched. Further action will be taken after the results are known.

SUBJECT No. 49.

Fishery in the Government tanks.

Mr. Anjaneya Setti, Pavagada Taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 50.

Prevention of silting up of tanks.

Messrs. Rajanna, and Nanjundasetti, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the gradual silting up of tanks by the sand and earth brought in by the feeder channels the capacity of all the tanks is year by year decreasing and the result is that even in years when the tank gets a full supply of water, the crops in the area commanded by the tank fail owing to the insufficiency of the water-supply. Silt dams may be put up at Government cost across the mouths of the feeder channels, so that the silt may be arrested and clear water allowed to flow into the tanks.

Reply of Government.—The question of devising a permanent remedy is important and will be duly investigated. Temporary remedies must be adopted by the people themselves.

SUBJECT No. 51.

Restoration of tanks of the Jodi villages.

Mr. Kalyana Singh, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made to restore the tanks of jodi villages through Government agency and recover the cost from Jodidars by instalments, as the Jodidars' tenants are put to great inconvenience on account of the neglect of the Jodidars to keep the tanks in good repair.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.